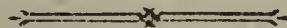


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OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
FLAXTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1925.



To the Chairman and Members of the Flaxton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my Report for the year 1925.

The area of the District is 30,649 acres.

The estimated population, 10,700.,

The number of inhabited houses, 2,320.

The rateable value, £97,642.

The sum represented by a penny rate, £276.

BIRTH-RATE.

The births registered are 176, 92 males and 84 females; of these, 7 males and 4 females are illegitimate. The birth-rate is 16.4 per 1,000 of the population. In 1924 it was 17.4. The birth-rate for England and Wales is 18.3.

DEATH-RATE.

The deaths registered are 89, 34 males and 55 females. Of these, 13 were under 1 year of age. The death-rate is 10.8 per 1,000 of the population. In 1924 it was 9.6. The death-rate for England and Wales is 12.2.

The Infantile mortality rate is 1.2 per 1,000 of the population and 73 per 1,000 births registered. In 1924 it was 88.

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CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1925.

There were 89 deaths as follows:—Enteric Fever, 1; Measles, 1; Diphtheria, 1; Influenza, 3; Tuberculosis, 5; Cancer, 8; Cerebral Haemorrhage, 3; Heart Disease, 15; Arterio-Sclerosis, 1; Bronchitis, 3; Pneumonia, 5; Ulcer of Stomach, 1; Diarrhoea, 1; Cirrhosis of Liver, 1; Nephritis, 4; Diseases and Accidents of Parturition, 2; Congenital Debility and Malformation and Premature Births, 9; Suicide, 1; other deaths from Violence, 4; other Defined Diseases, 20.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

There were 45 cases as follows:—Diphtheria, 6; Scarlet Fever, 11; Erysipelas, 5; Enteric Fever, 10; Puerperal Fever, 1; Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1; Encephalitis Lethargica, 1; Tuberculosis, 10.

DIPHTHERIA (6 cases).—Of these, 2 were notified at Huntington, 1 at Haxby, 1 at Heworth, 1 at Strensall, and 1 at Strensall Camp.

SCARLET FEVER (11 cases).—Seven at New Earswick, 2 at Wigginton, 1 at Osbaldwick, and 1 at a house on the Huntington Road.

ENTERIC FEVER (10 cases).—Nine at the North Riding Asylum and 1 at Haxby.

ERYSIPELAS (5 cases).—Two at Strensall, 1 at Flaxton, 1 at Warthill, and 1 at the North Riding Asylum.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.—One case at New Earswick.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—One case at Haxby.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—1 case at Rawcliffe.

TUBERCULOSIS (10 cases).—Three at New Earswick, 2 at Strensall, 1 at Flaxton, 2 at Gate Helmsley, 1 at Huntington, and 1 at the North Riding Asylum.

All the cases were visited by the Inspector and the majority by your Medical Officer of Health. Full particulars of these have been given to the Council at the monthly meetings. When thought advisable, cases are removed to the Isolation Hospitals. The North Riding Asylum has its own Isolation Wards. Stoving and disinfecting of houses, bedding, clothing, etc., are systematically carried out. Schools are sometimes closed and disinfected and children excluded from school as precautionary measures. Cases

of Tuberculosis are all visited by me, and advice is given as to the precautions, etc., to be observed. Any sanitary defects found receive attention. Patients are removed to a Sanatorium or Hospital for treatment in all suitable cases.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The inhabitants are chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits and trades dependent thereon, with the exception of New Earswick, which is populated mostly by employees at the works of Messrs. Rowntree and Co. There are no workshops or factories of importance in the District; the latter are regularly visited by the Inspector and any defects found are remedied. In addition to the attendance of the Poor Law Medical Officers, cases of sickness are admitted into the York County Hospital and Poor Law Infirmary, etc. Antitoxin is supplied free to the medical men on request. For notifiable infectious cases agreements are in force for the admission of patients into the York Isolation Hospitals and the Acomb Isolation Hospital.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Tuberculosis.—When considered advisable, patients are removed to a Sanatorium for treatment, and occasionally to the York County Hospital for operative treatment.

Maternity and Child Welfare.—The Health Visitors are under the supervision of Dr. Mason, the North Riding County Medical Officer of Health. Arrangements are made, when home conditions are impossible, for the removal of patients to Maternity Homes, the North Riding County Council defraying the expenses.

The Ambulance agreements for the removal of patients could not be improved upon.

The Medical Inspection of School Children is carried out under the supervision of Dr. Mason, and undoubtedly the general health of the children has greatly improved since the Act came into force. The sanitary condition of the schools is satisfactory. The District is adequately supplied with good wholesome milk. The cowsheds, dairies, slaughter-houses, etc., are regularly visited by the Inspector, and, as required, by your Medical Officer of Health; they are kept in a clean and sanitary condition; any defects found receive attention. Permission is given to call in a Veterinary Surgeon as required.

Bacteriological and Pathological Examinations are carried out by the Lister Institute, London, and Dr. Goodman Platts, Pathologist, County Hospital, York, and reports are forwarded to me and to the medical men in attendance.

WATER SUPPLY.

A number of villages are supplied with water from the York City Mains, the rest are dependent on deep bore wells or shallow surface wells. On the whole the District is adequately supplied.

Public scavenging is receiving serious attention from the Council. If it could be efficiently carried out in the District generally, I strongly advise its adoption.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A length of new sewer has been provided in the parish of Clifton. With regard to the disposal and treatment of sewage generally there is room for much improvement in the District.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No pollution of river or streams has been reported during the year.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT.

There is still a shortage of houses in the District, but nothing serious; 136 houses have been erected, or are in course of completion. The Council, I am pleased to say, are fully alive to the requirements of the District. Particulars are given in the appended tables.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the last five years the Council have given consideration to anything that appertains to the general welfare and health of the inhabitants of the District. Extensions and repairs to village sewerage have been carried out. 803 houses in the District have water-closets, about 1,000 have privies and covered middens, 461 have pail or tub closets; there are only a few open middens left.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ALWYN RAIMES, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

3 Rowan Avenue,

New Earswick,

York, 24th March, 1926.

To the Chairman and Members of the Flaxton Rural
District Council.

Gentlemen,

During the past year, 327 visits have been made under the various Public Health Acts.

Eight notices to abate nuisance have been served and these have been complied with.

Public Scavenging has been carried out in the parish of Strensall by contract.

The question of Scavenging various parishes is under consideration.

The sewers in the various Townships have received regular attention, and a length of new sewer has been provided in the parish of Clifton.

One hundred and thirty-six houses have been erected, or are in course of completion. Cowsheds, slaughter-houses, knackers' yards, and offensive trades have been frequently visited, and have been found in a satisfactory state.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. TETLOW,

Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE C.—1925.

Nuisance Inspections—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925 for Nuisances only. 327.
 Nuisances reported in 1925. 8.
 Total needing abatement. 8.
 Abated during 1925. 8.
 Notices served, Informal. 8.
 Complied with. 8.

Knackers' Yards—

No. in District, 2; No. on Register, 2; Total No. of Inspections made, 8.

Offensive Trades—

No. in District, 2; No. on Register, 2; Total No. of Inspections made, 8.

Drainage and Sewerage—

Developments during 1925. Slight extension of sewers.

Closet Accommodation—

No. of Privies with open middens. Very few.
 No. of Pail or Tub Closets. 461.
 No. of Privies with covered middens. 1,000.
 No. of Water Closets. 803.
 No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—as w.c.'s. 1.
 No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses—w.c.'s. 138.

Scavenging—

Any utilization of waste material. On land.

Water Supply—

Any developments during 1925. Slight extension of water mains.

Milk Supply—

Are two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act. For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes.

No. of Milk Cows in District. Varies.
 No. of Cow-keepers in District producing and selling Milk. 82.
 No. Registered. 82.
 No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cow-keepers. 34.
 No. who are Milk Retailers only. 4.
 Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered. 38.
 Total No. of Cowsheds. 64.
 Total No. of Inspections in 1925 130.
 Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations.
 A. Act, 1922.
 Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent. Frequent.

Other Foods.—

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt. Yes, by the York City Authorities.

No. of Slaughterhouses. 7.

Registered. 7.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected. Various.

Total Inspections. 80.

Factories and Workshops—

No. of Workshops. 10.

No. of times each Workshop inspected. 2.

Total Inspections. 20.

Byelaws and Regulations in force in District—

New Streets and Buildings. Date of approval, 1922.

Slaughterhouses. Date of approval, 1925.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1925.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924—

Houses with minor defects. 5.

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925—

Total inspected and recorded. 13.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection. 12.

Houses needing further action. 1.

Houses not reasonably fit—

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served. 1.

Houses made fit after formal notice. 1.

Other action in regard to housing—

Total number of houses in District. 2,336, chiefly working-class houses.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. 1, 1919. Satisfactory.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where. One reported and being dealt with.

Total number of houses built in the District under state aided and all conditions in 1925—

(a) Working-class Dwellings. 136. (b) Other. 1.

State-aided Housing Schemes. Scheme under 1923 Act.

Is assistance given to private individuals. By lump sum. Yes.
If so, how much. £75.

No. of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925. 36.

Total number of houses provided under all state-aided schemes in 1925. 36.